

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED 1/27/2005****REMARKS**

Herein, the "Action" or "Office Action" refers to the Office Action identified in the above-identified title.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. Claims 1-18, 42, 45, and 48 are presently pending. Claims amended herein are 1, 16, 17, 42, and 45. Claims withdrawn or cancelled herein are none. New claims added herein are none.

**Claiming Priority to Provisional Application**

As authorized by 37 CFR § 1.78((a)(5) and/or (6), Applicant has concurrently submitted a petition asking the Office to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 USC § 119(e) for the benefit of a prior-filed provisional application.

Accordingly, Applicant amends the specification herein in order to include a claim (under 35 USC § 119(e)) for the benefit of the priority of a prior-filed provisional patent application. Specifically, the amendment claims the benefit of US Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/148,172, which was filed on August 10, 1999.

In particular, the contents section 6 of the provisional application covers common subject-matter as that disclosed in this non-provisional application.

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